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10 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Acting Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction - July 1959

GENERAL

1. Following official British and Nigerian approval, arrangements were completed for the departure on 1 July of [] Field Operations Staff, for the Nigerian site survey. He will proceed via London to Lagos, where he will establish contact with the Nigerian Government through the Consulate General; he will then proceed to Jos, Kaduna and Kano. After about three weeks he will commence the return trip, with stops of several days each at Accra and Monrovia. []

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2. FBIS service to the U.S. delegation at the Geneva foreign ministers talks was suspended for the period of the conference recess, 20 June to 13 July. Propaganda-analysis report No. 24 on the conference was cabled to Geneva on 19 June. Support of the U.S. delegation to the Geneva test-ban conference is continuing, with texts of key Soviet propaganda items supplied by the London Bureau and daily propaganda analyses furnished from headquarters. []

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3. Plans are being prepared for carrying out the first of the pilot TV monitoring projects by field personnel. Cuban television has been selected for the first project since it is the nearest and has the lowest photographic requirement of the group. Cuba has been included in the otherwise Communist list because of the large number of Communist or pro-Communist broadcast personnel identified in the by-lines of current Cuban TV news and commentary program listings. The first trip is tentatively scheduled for September or October 1959. []

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4. The report of the Office of Communications DF specialist from Iran confirmed the FBIS claim that the Persian clandestine broadcast "National Voice of Iran" is originating in the USSR. The O/C report indicated a location in a 100 mile circle between Yerevan and Kirovabad. [] subsequently issued a report, based on their own DF work, which also placed it in the Kirovabad area, and rescinded their previous claim it was at Baghdad. []

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5. The Head, BBC Reception Unit, visited Kyrenia 8-13 June for the semi-annual Coverage Coordination Meeting. He reported that BBC still had no information as to when its East African station might be activated. He confirmed that coverage will include Swahili and Somali, along with some Arabic from Sudan and Arabia, and indicated that recruiting difficulties are being encountered in the U.K. []

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6. Although clearance of the first Kurdish monitor recruit was not obtained in June, London Bureau hopes to bring him on duty in July. BBC has stated that they cannot provide preliminary training as requested; hence the candidate will be sent directly to Kyrenia. Approval was given for the TDY travel of the Mediterranean Bureau chief monitor to Beirut, Iskenderun, and Teheran to pursue Kurdish and Persian recruiting leads. Assistance of the Teheran Station in Kurdish recruiting has been laid on. Tokyo Bureau has located a good Thai/Bengali/Hindi monitor candidate for Okinawa, and the Saigon Bureau has recruited a new Indonesian monitor from Singapore. This postpones indefinitely the Bangkok recruiting trip of the Chief, Saigon Bureau, whose recent Phnompenh trip confirmed lack of Cambodian-English recruits in that city. [REDACTED]

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7. Latin American clandestine broadcast activity continued high, with emphasis on operations shifting to the Dominican Republic. An apparently new clandestine network was reported by Panama. The network subsequently went into anti-Trujillo broadcasts which are being covered by East and West Coast Bureaus. A DF fix of one of the network stations by FCC located it in Venezuela. [REDACTED]

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8. Of 339 items included in the OCI Daily Digest during the month, 91 (26.8 percent) were based wholly or in part of FBIS sources. [REDACTED]

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9. Radio Propaganda Reports (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses): [REDACTED]

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a. "Signs of CPR Resistance to Bloc Economic Integration," in support of a National Estimate on Communist China [REDACTED]

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b. "CPR Army-Party Differences Reflected in Attacks on 'Exclusively Military Viewpoint,'" in support of the same NIE and in response to OCI interest [REDACTED]

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c. "Soviet Propaganda Campaign against the Shah of Iran," requested by State Department RSB [REDACTED]

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d. "Background of Conciliatory Regime Tactics at Soviet Writers Congress" [REDACTED]

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e. "New Signs of Conciliatory Regime Tactics Toward Soviet Writers," a follow-up to the above [REDACTED]

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f. "Bloc Propaganda on Soviet Development of Atom-Powered Aircraft," prompted by inquiries on the subject from ACSI [REDACTED]

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g. "Bulgarian CP Takes Full Control of Komsomol Units in Army," updating a March Propaganda Report on Bulgarian party efforts to tighten control over the army [REDACTED]

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h. "Soviet Education Reform: Retreat from Original Khrushchev Plan"

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10. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

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a. "TASS Listing of CPSU Presidium Members includes Pervukhin," indicating Pervukhin's retention of candidate-members status despite earlier hints at his dismissal

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b. "Khrushchev Signs CPSU Central Committee Decrees," in a departure from recent practice

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c. "Khrushchev Speech Hardens Soviet Line" on the eve of the foreign ministers conference recess

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11. Other Propaganda Analysis Services

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a. Russian sayings and proverbs used in Khrushchev speeches were assembled for Vice President Nixon.

b. A search of bloc propaganda monitored in October and November 1958, for references to Commerce Secretary nominee Strauss, produced negative results. However, three Moscow items on Congress' rejection of the nomination in June 1959 were found.

c. Khrushchev's public statements on bomber aircraft were reproduced in a mimeographed collation requested by ONE.

d. A mimeographed report on "Acknowledgements of Ambiguity in Soviet Missile Terminology," prepared on RPB's initiative, was distributed to consumers in OSI/GMD, ORR/GMD, ONE, OCI, NIC, AFCIN, ACSI and ONI.

e. Data on the volume of Moscow radio comment about Latin America from 1956 to date, together with a listing of major Latin American events exploited in Moscow propaganda over the past three years, were prepared for USIA.

f. RPB's files of SURVEY articles and quantitative data were made available over a two-week period to USIA/IRI researchers preparing a study of Moscow propaganda on Iran covering the past ten years. Branch analysts supplied texts of key propaganda items and generalizations about current Moscow comment.

g. A review of how Radio Moscow treats the subject of aid to underdeveloped countries in its home service broadcasts was prepared Saturday, 27 June, and forwarded by special messenger to OCI.

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12. During the month all recipients of the West German Economic report and the Austrian Economic Report were contacted and informed that effective 30 June these two reports would no longer be produced by FBIS because of budgetary and personnel restriction. [redacted]

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13. The Panama Post move from the USCARIB Signal Depot area near Madden Wye to a site at Ft. Kobbe was completed on 25 June. [redacted]

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14. A total short wave multicoupler requirements of the division were contracted for from CGS Laboratories. [redacted]

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15. The remaining problems with the new Magnetic belt recording and transcribing equipment have been resolved and a delivery schedule for the equipment has been established. The East Coast Bureau should have all of its equipment by 1 August, the WCB by 1 October 1959. [redacted]

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16. The following employees have received awards for language proficiency (M - Maintenance, A - Achievement): [redacted]

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Dutch

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Russian

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French

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Spanish

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

1. General

a. In the past six months the field's response to our memorandum of 19 November 1958 on compression of copy has been gratifying. It is the consensus at headquarters that there has been no loss of vital information in the Daily Report, while at the same time it has been possible to widen the scope of our coverage without increasing page allotments. In some cases arrangements have been made to provide specialized distribution of certain materials--largely of an economic nature--which are of great interest to only a few consumers.

The following additional suggestions are offered to maintain and improve this situation. The appropriate bureaus should be guided accordingly:

(1) Some communist broadcast services--for example, Moscow's African services, the Radio Return to Homeland program for Soviet emigres in North America, Bucharest's Yiddish program, and the Espana Independiente transmissions--in general contain materials which do not warrant individual processing. However, consumer interest in the general content of such broadcasts can be met by an occasional comprehensive FYI rounding up the main themes of comment, describing the types of news items presented, and noting any other salient features of the broadcasts. The FYI's should cover broadcasts over a period of a week or more.

(2) Soviet republican central committee decisions should be processed on merit; there is no requirement that they automatically be texted. Decisions on awards, competitions, and pledges, for example, frequently can be summarized or briefed.

(3) Commentaries in the East German broadcasts in Arabic and Persian often can be handled adequately on an FYI basis, but care should be taken to point out divergences from the themes established in Moscow's broadcasts in these languages. It should be noted too that East Berlin's Persian service continues to be a unique source for Tudeh Party statements, in which there is great consumer interest.

(4) Since a large part of the German Bureau's press scrutiny material falls under the requirements for "leader speeches," bureau editors must be extremely selective in handling other scrutiny items. Special care should be taken to avoid filing event-linked scrutiny material which has lost much of its value by the time it becomes available. For example, one recent item linked to the Austrian election did not reach headquarters until well after the election; several items connected with the opening of the Geneva foreign ministers conference arrived long after the meeting had begun and after propaganda lines had already been well established from current reportage available from radio and press agency sources. An exception to

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this general rule would be material containing a completely unique line or theme, which should be filed even if the event to which it is linked has passed.

(5) Some reduction in the current volume of Far Eastern copy appears feasible. In the coverage of North Korea, for example, while the selection is generally good, greater restraint could be exercised in the filing of items of an international character. Unless these relate either directly or indirectly to the DPRK, or unless they represent the first comment on events of special concern to the United States, there is relatively little consumer interest. There is also little demand for South Korean comment on routine international developments or for ROK economic material, since this is readily obtainable from other sources.

In Japanese coverage there has been a tendency to overfile in followup commentaries and news analyses dealing with such admittedly important issues and events as the police duties revision bill, intra-party feuds, security treaty revision, and the Diet elections. Consumer requirements in this regard can best be served by representative samplings of key press and radio material, rather than by lengthy texts which often include reportage and background information already known. And the summarizing, excerpting, and--above all--editorial reporting of this material whenever possible will enhance its utility for publication.

b. Editors should bear in mind that government offices expect FBIS confirmation of news agency stories quoting sources regularly monitored by FBIS. Headquarters messages alerting bureaus to such stories should be investigated as quickly and as thoroughly as possible.

c. The careful coordination by the London and Mediterranean Bureaus of coverage of the heavy volume of speeches during the Khrushchev tour of Albania as well as during the Serb Fourth Party Congress made it possible for the Daily Report to publish a meaningful presentation of what might have been a very disjointed assemblage of material. Coordination by both bureaus with the Austrian Bureau to secure supplemental or unmonitored material from scrutiny sources was also excellent. FYI's from all bureaus answered fully the recent headquarters request for closer coordination in the interests of publication planning.

d. On several occasions recently the USSR/East Europe Section of the Daily Report has not been able to answer consumer queries as to whether a communist leader's speech was broadcast live, recorded, or read by an announcer. Bureaus are reminded that appropriate subslugs should be used to convey this information in all cases.

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e. In Soviet copy as currently received, the same organization may be described in a single item as the Tashkent Gorkom, the city party committee, the Tashkent committee, and the city committee. For clarity and consistency the following abbreviations should be used whenever appropriate, rather than the various other names for the bodies they represent:

(1) gorkom	city party committee
(2) raykom	rayon party committee
(3) obkom	oblast party committee
(4) kraykom	kray party committee
(5) gorispolkom	executive committee of the city council of workers deputies
(6) rayispolkom	executive committee of rayon council of workers deputies
(7) oblispolkom	executive committee of oblast council of workers deputies
(8) krayispolkom	executive committee of kray council of workers deputies
(9) kolkhoz	collective farm
(10) sovkhoz	state farm
(11) gosplan	state planning commission
(12) sovnarkhoz	council of national economy

In Soviet and East European materials, the FBIS preferred spelling is "aktivist" and "aktiv," rather than "activist" and "active."

f. The 1959 revision of the Editorial Handbook provides that an abridged logograph may be used in the first and subsequent "adds" of multi-take items. Bureaus may take advantage of this ruling upon receipt of this letter. Examples:

M....Baghdad Iraqi Home Service June 25 1959 1530 GMT--M

(reduced in subsequent adds to:)

M....first add M....Baghdad Home 251530 (pact communique)XXX

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W....Peking NCNA Radioteletype in English to West and North Europe
June 25 1959 1415 GMT--W

(reduced in subsequent adds to:)

W....first add W....Peking NCNA English 251415 (Chou speech)XXX

2. London Bureau

The bureau's Soviet and Satellite roundups, already tightly edited, could be even further improved by the use of more generalizations describing common characteristics of the propaganda and fewer direct quotations from any single item. The inclusion of more topical headings would make the roundups more readable.

3. Okinawa Bureau

a. The bureau is commended for its capable handling of the North Korean "special materials" on the June 25 anniversary and for the bureau's FYI's on this event. It should be noted that there is a continuing interest in DPRK references to alleged U.S. atrocities in South Korea.

b. The bureau's rapid handling of the Taiwan announcement of an air raid alert was especially appreciated by the Wire Service.

4. Tokyo Bureau

The bureau's coverage of Japanese news stories has been generally good. However, the need for FYI's and prompt textual filing of all major newsbreaks--such as Kishi policy speeches--must be stressed.

5. Okinawa and West Coast Bureaus

There is need for more extensive coverage of developments in Burma and Thailand, particularly from the radios of those countries. This need also applies to Jakarta home service material, which appears to have been supplanted to a large extent by reports from the less desirable ANTARA and REUTERS.

There is increased interest in reports on developments in Singapore since it attained its independence, but REUTERS dispatches from that city frequently can be improved by drastic compression, to the brief level.

6. The Technical Information Unit has been given sole responsibility for ordering reference documents for FBIS.

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ADMINISTRATION

1. Employees should always be aware of their current designation of beneficiary for: Retirement
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since unhappy situations may inadvertently happen. If there is no designation, the natural order of inheritance obtains, i.e., wife, children, parents, estate, next of kin. However, if there is a designation on file, the above will not automatically obtain if the individual's personal situation is changed. Thus, a single man may have designated his parents as beneficiary. He marries but does not cancel the designation on the assumption that his wife will automatically inherit under natural order. This is not true. He must cancel the designation. Conversely, a man estranged from his wife might neglect to file a designation of beneficiary, thereby permitting the estranged wife to inherit under natural order.

2. Employees are reminded that it is important to file Form 271 or CA-1, "Employee's Notice of Injury or Occupational Disease" in order to protect their eligibility for benefits if complications arise from the injury at a later date.

3. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were released during the month of June:

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1. New Employees in FBIS

Name

Assignment

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Editor, Ed. Br.
Editor, Ed. Br.
Teletypist, WCB

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2. Reassignments

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London

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WCB

Teletypist
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Librarian
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Monitor
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Analyst
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3. Separations

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